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SUBJECT: KOREA: CALL ON IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM BY
- PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR

1. PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR, YAQUB-KHAN CALLED ON IO ASSISTANT
SECRETARY BUFFUM AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 17 AT LATTER'S
INVITATION. AMBASSADOR BUFFUM EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE WE
ATTACH TO KOREAN ISSUE AT UNGA AND SAID SECRETARY WANTED,
TO ENSURE THAT THE EMBASSIES OF IMPORTANT COUNTRIES IN
WASHINGTON ARE MADE FULLY AWARE THAT U.S. REGARDS KOREA AS
THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE BEFORE 30TH UNGA.

2. BUFFUM NOTED THAT THIS IMPORTANCE DERIVES FROM
SECURITY INTERESTS WHICH U.S. HAS IN KOREA THROUGH PRESENCE
OF ITS TROOPS THERE. ACCORDINGLY, USG VIEWS MOST SERIOUSLY
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HOSTILE RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY ALGERIA WHICH IS DESIGNED

TO BRING ABOUT WITHDRAWAL OF THESE U.S. TROOPS. IT IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO NOTE THAT THESE TROOPS ARE IN KOREA UNDER A BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN USG AND ROKG. IN CONSIDERATION OF THIS, AND BECAUSE OF OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT MANY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ARE ANXIOUS TO SEE UN COMMAND DISSOLVED NOW THAT SO MANY YEARS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE END OF THE KOREAN WAR, UNITED STATES HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE ARE READY TO SEE UN COMMAND DISSOLVED BY JANUARY 1, 1976. THIS IS SUBJECT ONLY TO THE CONDITION

THAT THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT BE PRESERVED.

3. AMBASSADOR BUFFUM NOTED THAT PREVIOUS VOTING PATTERN LAST YEAR, AND ESTIMATED DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES THIS YEAR, MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS IS AN ISSUE ON WHICH ALIGNED AND NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES ARE ARRAYED ON ONLY ONE SIDE OF THE ISSUE. IN FACT, WE HAVE NON-ALIGNED COSPONSORS OF OUR RESOLUTION. OUR RECENT ACCEPTANCE OF FRENCH CHANGES TO OUR ORIGINAL TEXT HAVE LED NOT ONLY FRANCE, BUT A NUMBER OF DEVELOPING NATIONS INCLUDING AFRICAN COUNTRIES SUCH AS LIBERIA, TO JOIN AS COSPONSORS OF OUR RESOLUTION. (AMBASSADOR YAQUB-KHAN DIRECTED HIS MINISTER TO TAKE PARTICULAR NOTE OF THIS POINT.)

4. CONTINUING HIS ANALYSIS OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION BUFFUM POINTED OUT THAT, IT EXCLUDES SOUTH KOREA FROM ANY DISCUSSION OF PEACE SETTLEMENT. THIS LATTER ASPECT IS ALSO EXTREMELY OFFENSIVE TO US BECAUSE IT IS CLEAR THAT ANY SUCH DISCUSSION MUST NECESSARILY INVOLVE LONG-RANGE FUTURE OF ENTIRE KOREAN PENINSULA AND OBVIOUSLY SOUTH KOREA HAS VITAL AND LEGITIMATE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH DISCUSSION. IN LIGHT OF THIS FACT, SECRETARY 30TH UNGA ADDRESS HAD CALLED FOR CONFERENCE IN WHICH NORTH KOREA, SOUTH KOREA, CHINA AND THE U.S. WOULD PARTICIPATE.

5. BUFFUM THEN SAID THAT USG HAD NOTED WITH CONSIDERABLE INTEREST PORTION OF PAKISTAN'S UNGA SPEECH RELATING TO KOREA IN WHICH HE CALLED FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS AND PEACE CONFERENCE. IT SEEMS TO USG THAT OUR RESOLUTION IS CONSIDERABLY CLOSER TO PAKISTAN'S POSITION ON KOREAN

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ISSUE AS EXPLAINED IN FOREIGN MINISTER'S SPEECH THAN IS ALGERIAN RESOLUTION. THIS SEEMS TO US PARTICULARLY SO SINCE IT APPEARS WE ARE COMPLETELY AGREED ON NEED FOR WHOLE OF KOREAN PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN FORMULATION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR KOREA'S FUTURE.

6. AMBASSADOR YAQUB-KHAN STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS ENTIRELY SENSITIVE TO GREAT IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE TO

UNITED STATES AND THAT, IN VIEW OF CLOSE AND IMPORTANT
BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, WOULD TAKE
THIS IMPORTANCE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT IN ITS OWN
CONSIDERATION OF ISSUE. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD CABLE A
COMPLETE ACCOUNT OF THE CONVERSATION TO HIS PRIME
MINISTER. FURTHERMORE, HE INTENDS TO GO HIMSELF ON
WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY OF NEXT WEEK TO NEW YORK WHERE HE
WILL HAVE FULL DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER SHAHI. AMBASSADOR UNDERTOOK TO EMPHASIZE TO
FOREIGN MINISTER THE POINTS WHICH AMBASSADOR BUFFUM HAD
RAISED AND IN PARTICULAR HIGH IMPORTANCE WHICH U.S. GIVES

ISSUE.

7. BUFFUM WELCOMED AMBASSADOR'S REFERENCE TO CLOSE
BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND UNITED STATES.
HE NOTED THAT IN HIS 13 YEARS OF WORK ON INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATION ISSUES HE HAD NEVER PREVIOUSLY SEEN SO CLOSE
A RELATIONSHIP DRAWN BETWEEN ATTITUDES OF OTHER COUNTRIES
TOWARD THE VERY FEW SECURITY ISSUES TO WHICH WE GIVE
PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE AT UNGA, AND OUR BILATERAL
RELATIONS WITH THOSE COUNTRIES. IT MAY HAVE BEEN TRUE IN
THE PAST THAT USG TENDED TO SEPARATE MULTILATERAL ISSUES
AND BILATERAL RELATIONS, BUT IT NOW TAKES EXTREMELY
SERIOUSLY ACTIONS ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES OF CENTRAL
IMPORTANCE TO US WHICH DO NOT APPEAR CONSISTENT WITH OUR
OVERALL BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH PARTICULAR COUNTRY.

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